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1. There are still many Liberal officers in the Colombian Armed Forces, and the majority of these are not in agreement with the policies of the government. Included among Liberal Army officers are the following:

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There are about eighteen active colonels and seventy lieutenant colonels in the Army, including the service as well as the combat arms.

2. Approximately 30% of the 115 majors are Liberals and about 80% of the 215 captains. The percentage of Liberals among the lieutenants and the second lieutenants is probably about 80% also. The commanders of the Military School were Liberals until 1951, and during their

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administration the majority of cadets were of the same Party. So far as the non-commissioned officers are concerned, about 75% are Conservatives and loyal to the government, and among the enlisted personnel it is estimated that 90% are Conservatives. Approximately 90% of the students at the Military School are now Conservatives, and a large majority of the new officers are regarded as loyal by the government.

- 3.. It is believed that there is a higher proportion of Conservative officers in the Navy than in the Army. The Air Force has been riddled by retirements of Liberal officers during the past two years. Both colonels in active service at the beginning of 1951 have resigned, three of the four lieutenant colonels, at least nine of the eighteen majors, six of the thirteen captains, and approximately twenty of the seventy-five lieutenants. A substantial portion of those remaining are Liberals.

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